



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

For the week ending November 4, 2012, there was a reported 6.84 days suitable for field work. The week has brought very nice weather in **Box Elder County** and throughout the northern part of the state. Temperatures were about 15-20 degrees warmer than normal with highs in the mid 60's to low 70's. In **Cache County** warm autumn days are allowing farmers to continue limited tillage work, mostly plowing, disking and some drilling. Still lots of concern for the coming months, since conditions are so dry.

Field Crop Summary

Box Elder County dry land farmers are wrapping up their fall planting -- those who are left are rushing to complete planting before storms arrive later this week. The corn harvest is nearly complete with a few farmers waiting to harvest to avoid drying costs. Most of the crop has been cut and put through corn dryers to get to acceptable moisture levels for storage. Fall work is continuing including plowing, shredding corn stalks, disking, etc. Much of the fall wheat that was planted in dry soil has not emerged although rain fell last week. Some Conservation Reserve Program producers are planting grass seed now that soil temperatures have dropped below 40 degrees at the 12 inch level. These will be considered dormant seedlings, and the seed should not sprout until spring when it will have the best chance of establishing. **Cache County** reports that all crops have been harvested with the exception of some grain corn. **Duchesne County** producers report that the corn crop in the county has done very well this year. In **Morgan County** crops have all been harvested. Fall tillage is taking place. **Weber County** reports that the grain corn harvest is progressing slowly. Fall tillage and planting of winter wheat is taking place.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County ranchers are busy shipping calves and sending cows to fall pastures. Most livestock producers have brought their animal's home and are struggling to find enough fall pasture to keep them going. Most are feeding supplements at this time. Dairy producers have seen higher milk prices in the last couple of months and they have a little more hope. **Cache County** livestock are reported to be doing quite well. Many producers throughout **Duchesne County** have been shipping calves and working cow herds. With the effects of the drought on pasture and feed prices many producers are reducing cow herds, reluctant to feed open cows.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending November 4, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	17	27	30	25	1
Sheep	0	4	25	67	4
Cattle/calves	1	5	32	58	4

Crop Progress for Week Ending November 4, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Winter Wheat Planted	92	85	95	97
Corn Grain Harvested	80	68	37	52

Livestock Percent for Week Ending November 4, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	96	92	95	94
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	94	91	93	97

Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 4, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	19	47	34	0
Subsoil	25	44	31	0
Stock water supplies	16	32	52	0